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PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF AN APPLICATION FROM ABANDONED STATUS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 1.8(B)

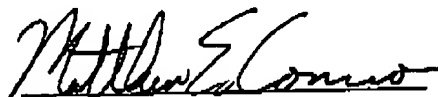
The above-identified application became abandoned because a Response, mailed initially on May 9, 2003, was allegedly not received by the United States Patent Office.

In response to a phone conversation with Examiner Cherry regarding the status of the application, Applicant's undersigned representative sent true copies of the previously filed Response as well as the date stamped return postcard via facsimile on December 1, 2003 to the Examiner.

Upon receiving a Notice of Abandonment mailed June 15, 2004, Applicant's undersigned representative contacted Examiner Cherry regarding the status of the application and sent true copies of the same Response as well as the date stamped return postcard again via facsimile on June 14, 2004 to the Examiner.

In view of the forgoing, we ask that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn for this application and that the application be removed from abandoned status.

Respectfully submitted,



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